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Mr. Tom Hylton Pottstown Planning Commission Pottstown Borough Hall 100 East High Street Pottstown, PA 19464

Dear Mr. Hylton:

In response to your request for information, the City of Wilmington has six blocks of 45 degree and 90 degree back in angle parking dating back approximately fifty years. By City Ordinance Wilmington requires all angle parking to be back in because of the safety factor.

For 45 degree angle parking our regulations require 19 ft. stall depth from the curb to allow vehicles with extended cabs, and a minimum of 11 ft. for a travel lane, for a total of 30 ft. for traffic going in one direction.

The highest average daily traffic for any block with angle parking is the 100 block of North Market Street with an ADT of 6500 vehicles.

I have not experienced any significant problems with accidents or impediments to the flow of traffic with angle parking. I review annually all accident reports of three or more accidents at any one location. Going back a number of years, I cannot remember any time I received such a report to indicate that a problem exist with back in angle parking.

At your request, I reviewed a diagram showing your proposed back in angle parking scheme for High Street in Pottstown assuming an ADT of 9200 vehicles. I would find the proposed plan acceptable by the City of Wilmington standards, however, I would recommend narrowing the bike lanes to 5 ft. and adding the extra feet to the parking stalls.

Sincerely

Thomas R. Warrington Traffic Planning Supervisor Transportation Division Department of Public Works

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